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FOR: TONER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE TONER, AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE TONER

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.